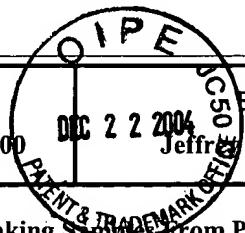


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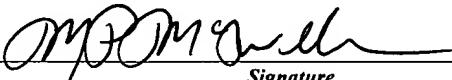
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In response to the Office Action mailed on October 19, 2004 in the subject application, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks.

**Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.